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sunset that fee increase. That's what is in the bill and I'd be happy to answer any questions, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Discussion on the advancement of LB 406, Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. Speaker, members, I'm not intimately familiar with the whole bill, but the two amendments that Senator Wesely put in I concur with if that is important. I just wanted to add my two cents.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Anybody else? Senator Wesely, close? Closing is waived. The question is, shall LB 406 be advanced to E & R Initial? All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of 406.

SPEAKER WITHEM: LB 406 advances. Mr. Clerk, LB 718.

CLERK: LB 718, Mr. President introduced by the Agriculture Committee and signed by its membership. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 19, referred to the Agriculture Committee, advanced to General File. There are committee amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the body, this bill was heard in Ag Committee I think on...in early February and...February 14. Had a tremendous amount of support. The industry in this particular area for elk, red deer, the birds, the ratite birds which are ostriches, emus, rheas, there are several other birds that are raised in captivity and used for meat production, food production. In the case of the birds, they're used also for their feathers and for the oils that they produce. And the people who are producing these animals have asked that they become a part for their jurisdiction under the Department of Agriculture rather than the Game and Parks Commission. The committee amendments that we should deal with to begin with change quite a lot of the bill. I'd like to go over that a little bit for you. The amendments propose significant changes, especially regarding the cervine animals and those are deer and, red deer and elk. Domesticated cervine